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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No. 36671-716.302**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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 Kenneth F. Buechler ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
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 Application No.: 10/697,351 ) Examiner: Lyle Alexander  
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 Filed: October 29, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 7522  
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 For: DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES AND )  
 APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED )  
 MOVEMENT OF REAGENTS WITHOUT )  
 MEMBRANES )

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2009. The Response is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply; therefore, no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment.

Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.